

ARIZONA BOARD OF LIBRARY EXAMINERS

STATUTORY AUTHORITY – A.R.S §11- 906

Arizona Revised Statutes sections 11-906 through 11-909 establish the Board of Library Examiners. The board is charged with passing on the qualifications of persons desiring to become County Librarians, and may, in writing, adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with law for its government and to carry out the purposes of the article. The Board considers the candidates' academic credentials, work experience, and library and management skills. All County Librarians must receive a certificate of qualification for the office by the Board of Library Examiners (A.R.S. 11-908).

The board is comprised of the Director of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records, who is the ex-officio chair, the Librarian of the University of Arizona, the Librarian of the Phoenix Public Library, and two County Librarians appointed by the Director of the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records. The County Librarian members serve one-year terms, and the Director appoints the County Librarian members on a rotating basis to represent each county free library.

According to Arizona Administrative Code sections R2-4-01 and R2-4-02 an applicant for County Librarian shall have:

- A Master's degree in library science and one year experience in a public library of recognized standing, or;
- A Bachelor's degree conferred by an accredited college or university, plus fifteen hours of courses in library science and two years of appropriate experience in a public library of recognized standing, and;
- Satisfactory recommendations from two former employers.

In addition to the qualifications described above the board shall consider the applicant's:

- Moral character and commendable conduct;
- Ability to work with the public, maintain public relations and conduct the financial affairs of a library in a business-like manner; and,
- Willingness to continue his or her training.

The Board of Library Examiners meets, as needed, to consider applications to become County Librarians.

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No new County Librarians were appointed, and the Board did not meet.